Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—This Bill is a very short one and has been published in the Gazette under Rule 32. It consists of but two amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure, which may well be taken up and finally considered at this meeting. Such a course seems desirable, in this instance, in view of the fact that the publication of the official edition, which it is proposed to issue, of the Criminal Procedure Code, with the numerous amendments introduced by Regulation II of 1074, is delayed on account of the few amendments indicated in the present Bill, which, if passed, the public will have the full amended Code in a convenient form. I beg, therefore, to move that Rules 33, 45 and 50 be suspended by the Council.

The Council having accordingly suspended the Rules, Mr. Thanu Pillai introduced the Bill and in doing so observed:—

I think it is hardly necessary for me to make any speech in regard to this Bill as the Statement of Objects and Reasons contains all I have to say. The first section contains a limitation for starting prosecutions for offences under section 182 of our Penal Code. It is a special offence created by statute and consists in the disobedience of the orders of Government regarding the creation and use of places of public worship and the conduct of processions. The principle of prescribing a period of limitation for criminal proceedings for certain offences is admitted in our Limitation Regulation, and I do not think there need be any objection to a similar provision in regard to the offence above mentioned. I would propose a slight verbal modification in the wording of the proposed section:—'No prosecution for an offence punishable under section 182 of the Penal Code shall be instituted after six months from the date of the offence.' The amendment proposed in section 2 follows from the omission in our Penal Code of sections 3 and 4 of the Indian Penal Code.

I beg to propose that both the amendments be adopted.

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—Rule 50 having been already suspended by the Council, I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

GUARDIAN AND WARDS BILL.

Mr. Kochukrishna Marar.—In pursuance of the permission granted me at the meeting of the Council held on the 3rd December last, I beg to introduce the Bill, but as it has not been sufficiently long before the public, I beg to propose that the discussion of the principle be postponed to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

The motion was put and agreed to.

ABKARI REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—This Bill was considered by the Council on the 3rd December last, but the passing of it was adjourned to this meeting. No representations have been received on the Bill. I beg, therefore, to propose that the Bill be now passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 4-30 P. M.

K. KRISHNASWAMY RAO,
President.

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